

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, August 28, 1906, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Beinn Bhreagh, C. B.

Tuesday, August 28, 1906. Dear Mabel:

Richard is himself again. Went to bed early last night. Got up about 4 A.M. to write letter to you. Then walked down to house-boat shortly after daybreak. Took a dip in the Bras d'Or then made myself breakfast and retired to bed in house-boat. Champ came for me at noon. Rose refreshed took another dip in the sea and ate my lunch. Use on hand for work about usual time. Felt better today than I have since you left. Wrote to Dr. Davenport of Carnegie Institution about sheep enclosing photo of the nipples of the eight-nippled lamb.

Made some important discoveries concerning the deficiency of the Ugly Duckling which will be remedied at once. Bert bought a hen about a month ago. She laid eggs — and has now hatched out seven chickens. The curious feature about the case is that Bert bought hens but no rooster — and yet seven of the eggs laid have proved fertile. I am just off to bed as I have to be up early to catch the boat for the Grand Narrows. I am going to Sydney to attend the funeral of Mr. Henry McCurdy who died during an operation for the removal of the appendix. I am taking Elsie and Dr. and Mrs. Grosvenor with me to Sydney for a change. Bert and Ed are still on their cruise.

The newspapers of the United States evidently think I have launched a flying machine from the inquiries coming in. A telegram came for Bert this morning from the Editor of the Outlook requesting telegraphic reply collect — asking about the 2 truth of experiments supposed to be made by me in “London, Ontario” with a “wireless flying machine.” Elsie replied to it signing Bert's name as he is absent and cannot be reached by telegraph or telephone. Telegram received from you today much mixed up. Made it all out excepting

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the words "Mauro assell." Orangedale reports receiving message as given. I have hazarded the speculation that it means "Mauro has cells?"

Have just read notice of David's work in the World's Work. Glad that he is being appreciated. Charles has just shown me copy of Evening Star containing Frank Carpenter's interview with me. This, I think, is the first appreciative notice of my sheep experiments. Like all his articles, it is well written and substantially accurate.

New schedule of meals went into effect today. Breakfast 8:30 A.M. Lunch 12:15, dinner 6:30 P.M. Mr. Baldwin dined with us tonight. Laboratory funds are running low and we have large payments to make for apparatus made elsewhere — copper floats and metallic castings. I would like to deposit another two thousand to laboratory account. Will not do so until you telegraph me that I can do so. Please telegraph on receipt of this. And now good night my sweet little wife. I miss you very much.

Your loving husband, Alec.